

Federal Bar Association of Western Michigan
Bankruptcy Section Seminar Directors
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Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C.
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Kalamazoo, MI 49007

July 18, 2006

RE: 18th Annual Federal Bar Association of Western Michigan Bankruptcy
Section Seminar. Treetops Resort, Gaylord, Michigan, August 17th, 18th &
19th, 2006

Dear Colleague:

Just as a reminder, the Steering Committee for the Bankruptcy Section of the Federal Bar Association of Western Michigan would like to remind you to mark your calendars for August 17th, 18th & 19th for this year's seminar. What will be 10 months of BAPCPA, will also mark the beginning of the 18th Annual Federal Bar Association of Western Bankruptcy Section Seminar. We figure 10 months to the day of the enactment of the statute calls for a cocktail party (alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages preferred) and the beginning of an excellent educational program.

We are pleased to have Bankruptcy Judge Eugene "Gene" Wedoff, Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois sitting in Chicago, nationally known for his commentary on the new statute and his input into the Bankruptcy Rules as our Keynote Speaker. Judge Wedoff will be joined by seven other sitting Bankruptcy Judges for two mornings of educational programs with afternoons and evenings free for you and your family. And, don't forget Thursday's cocktail party, golf on Friday afternoon and Friday's barbeque. I also enclose a detailed agenda of programs and activities.

We look forward to seeing you at Treetops Resort!!

Steve & Lori

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**18th ANNUAL FEDERAL
BAR ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN MICHIGAN
BANKRUPTCY SECTION**

**THE NEW WORLD ORDER –
“The baby learns to walk!!”**

August 17 – 19, 2006

**TREETOPS RESORT
Gaylord, Michigan**

Thursday, August 17th

Registration

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – The Lodge Lobby

Reception

(all invited, kids, spouses, et al.) 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – The Deck of the Jones Pro Shop

Friday, August 18th

Registration

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast & Plenary Session

7:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Harold E. Nelson, Nantz, Litowich, Smith, Girard & Hamilton, PC
Chair, Bankruptcy Steering Committee

Steven L. Rayman, Rayman & Stone
Program Co-Chair

Keynote Presentation

The Honorable Eugene R. Wedoff, Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy
Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Break

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Breakout Session I (Concurrent) 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

☐ Group A: Chapter 13 – Case Studies – “BAPCPA in Practice”

Brett N. Rodgers, Chapter 13 Trustee
The Honorable Marci B. McIvor, Bankruptcy Judge
Paul I. Bare, Attorney
Elizabeth Salata, Chapter 13 Staff Attorney

☐ Group B: Doctrine of Deepening Insolvency – “The Plot Deepens!”

Robert H. Skilton, III, Warner, Norcross & Judd, LLP
Ronald L. Rose, Dykema Gossett, PLLC
William I. Cohen, Pepper Hamilton LLP

- ☐ Group C: Mediation and Arbitration – “The Supreme Court speaks . . . you should listen!”

Robert E.L. Wright, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC
Susan M. Cook, Lambert Leser, Isackson, Cook & Guinta, PC
Dan E. Bylenga, Jr., Rhoades McKee

Break 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Breakout Session II (Concurrent) 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

- ☐ Group D: Chapter 7 and BAPCPA – “Visibility increases to two inches!”

James W. Boyd, Chapter 7 Trustee, Zimmerman, Kuhn, Darling, Boyd,
Taylor & Quardt, PLC
Claire Ann Esop, Chapter 7 Trustee, Madison, Wisconsin, Brennan, Steil &
Basting, SC
Martin L. Rogalski, Martin L. Rogalski, PC

- ☐ Group E: Avoidance Actions, Fraudulent Conveyances and Preferences – “BAPCPA, meet Mr. Ponzi”.

Michael S. McElwee, Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett, LLP
John T. Piggins, Miller Johnson

- ☐ Group F: Procedural Matters – “Get the straight scoop”

Dennis Chamberlain, Law Clerk to the Honorable Jeffrey R. Hughes
Carrie Foster, Law Clerk to the Honorable James D. Gregg
Jahel Nolan, Law Clerk to the Honorable Jo Ann C. Stevenson
Wendy Lappenga, Law Clerk to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel
Daniel J. Casamatta, Assistant U.S. Trustee, Office of the United States
Trustee

Debtors’ Bar Meeting 12:00 p.m.

David C. Anderson, The Law Office of David C. Anderson PC

Golf Outing 12:00 p.m. (tee times are required – please complete separate form)

Robert F. Wardrop, II, Wardrop & Wardrop, PC

Barbeque Dinner 7:30 p.m. at the Warming Haus - Join us for a cookout dinner of steak and chicken, followed by smores over the bonfire. We will also have access to the game room - including pool tables and golf simulator.

Saturday, August 19th

Breakfast & Plenary Session 8:30 a.m.

U.S. Trustee Update 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Office of the United States Trustee, Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Case Update –
Recent cases - The
Bench Perspective** 9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The Honorable Eugene R. Wedoff
The Honorable Jeffrey R. Hughes
The Honorable Jo Ann C. Stevenson
The Honorable Marci B. McIvor
The Honorable Thomas J. Tucker
The Honorable Walter Shapiro
The Honorable Phillip J. Shefferly
The “soon to be” The Honorable Daniel Opperman

Moderated by James G. Vantine, Jr., Miller, Canfield,
Paddock and Stone, PLC

Closing Remarks and Acknowledgements

Steven L. Rayman, Rayman & Stone

Name _____

Business _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Email address _____

Will Spouse or Guest be Attending? _____

Mail your registration and check to:

Federal Bar Association
 c/o Lori L. Purkey
 Miller, Canfield, Paddock and
 Stone, P.L.C.
 444 West Michigan Avenue
 Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Conference Events

(Please indicate which events you will be attending)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cocktail Reception on Thursday, August 17th (guests welcome) | N/C |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast on Friday, August 18 th (conference attendees only) | N/C |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf, Friday Afternoon, August 18 th (\$85 per person)
(Please complete separate golf registration form as well) | \$_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barbeque on Friday, August 18th (guests welcome)
\$20.00 per Adult (over age of 14)
\$14.00 per Child (ages 4 – 14)
under 4 - free
_____ Adults
_____ Children
_____ Children under 4 years of age | \$_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast on Saturday, August 19 th (conference attendees only) | N/C |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Registration
(before 8/1/05) \$260.00 | \$_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Registration for Paralegals
(before 8/1/05) \$210.00 | \$_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Registration Fee Waived (Judicial Law Clerks) | N/C |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Registration Fee Waived (Judges & Speakers) | N/C |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Registration Fee \$25.00 | \$_____ |
| TOTAL ENCLOSED | \$_____ |

SEMINAR INFORMATION

TRAVEL

Treetops Resort is located in Gaylord, Michigan.

SEMINAR ATTIRE

Casual

CANCELLATION POLICY

Full refund for conference cancellations received prior to August 10, 2006. No refunds for cancellations received after August 10, 2006, but seminar materials will be provided.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please see Treetops Resort's Reservation Form enclosed.

Rates: \$119.00-169.00 depending on accommodations. Rooms are available at this rate until July 18, 2006 – register early. **Please note that Treetops is offering us an opportunity to stay Saturday night at seminar rates.** Stay an extra day and relax.

AREA HIGHLIGHTS

If you are a golfer, this is a not to be missed opportunity. Golfweek Magazine listed Treetops as one of its "Ten Golf Resorts to Visit Before You Die". Tee times reserved for seminar participants and their guests and are limited – reserve your spot early. Golf is \$85.00 and includes a box lunch.

Not a golfer. There is plenty to do. Downtown Gaylord has maintained its Alpine Village setting and is a short drive away for shopping and dining options (the Big Buck Brewery and the Sugar Bowl are popular stops), or visit the Call of the Wild Museum, or Bavarian Falls Park. Aspen Park Trails is one of the best kept secrets. Near the heart of downtown, you will have access to miles of trails paved for bikers, hikers and in-line skaters.

Don't want to get back in the car – make an appointment at the spa, or spend the day at one of several of the pools.

QUESTIONS

Please contact Lori Purkey at 269.383.5847 [purkey@millercanfield.com] or Steve Rayman at 269.345.5156 [slr@raymanstone.com].

Federal Bar Association Bankruptcy Section

Arrival: Thursday, August 17, 2006
Departure: Saturday, August 19, 2006

Return this form to:
Reservations Department
TREETOPS RESORT
3962 WILKINSON ROAD
GAYLORD, MI 49735



CHECK-IN TIME:
After 4:00 PM
CHECK- OUT TIME:
12:00 Noon

NAME(S) 1. _____ 2. _____

ADDRESS _____ Home Phone () _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ Business Phone () _____

You are welcome to arrive early or extend your stay following this scheduled event. Every effort will be made to reserve the room type requested as well as any special requests such as connecting rooms, non-smoking, location, etc. Should we not be able to do so, we reserve the right to assign the next available room type and rate. Children 17 years and under sleep free when in the room with parents.

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOMODATIONS: per room per night.

Chalet Rooms _____ \$119.00 Single/Double Occupancy

Two queens beds, located in the Chalets at the bottom of the hill

Inn Rooms _____ \$139.00 Single/Double Occupancy

Two double beds

Lodge Rooms _____ \$169.00 Single/Double Occupancy

Two queen beds, living area, microwave, refrigerator, DVD player, high speed internet, and Jacuzzi tub

All lodging is subject to 6% state tax and 2% local assessment.

**** Tax Exempt Status:** *If your organization is paying for your lodging with their check or credit card & they are tax exempt, please indicate their tax exempt number here.* _____

Treetops Resort also requires you to enclose a copy of their tax exempt letter with this reservation form. The 2% local assessment does not fall under the tax exempt status.

DEPOSIT POLICY: You may guarantee your room reservation with a major credit card or a deposit of one nights lodging, no later than **July 18, 2006**. Refund of your deposit will be made if cancellation occurs at least 7 days prior to arrival. Treetops will be sending you a confirmation of this reservation request. Upon receipt, please review all information. You should receive your confirmation within 3 to 5 working days.

Do you require any special lodging requirements? _____ Barrier Free _____ Main Floor _____ Non-Smoking

PHONE RESERVATIONS NOT ACCEPTED

FAX NUMBER 989-732-8459

_____ VISA

_____ MASTER CARD

_____ AMEX

Number: _____ Exp. Date _____

e-mail address: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

(Not valid without signature)

Group number #: 779639

GOLF OUTING – AUGUST 18, 2006

MASTERPIECE AND PREMIER COURSES

THE TRADITION OF THE FBA, Bankruptcy Section golf outing continues. Robb Wardrop has again organized an afternoon of golf. Tee times have been reserved at the Masterpiece and Premier Courses beginning at 12:00 p.m. through 1:00 p.m. You will be given your tee time at registration. Directions to the courses will also be provided at that time.

The fees are \$85.00 per person and includes a box lunch. Space is limited, please reserve your spot early.

If you wish to play with a specific foursome please identify all persons within your group, otherwise, you will be assigned to a foursome. ***Please return this completed form with your Registration Form.***

Name of Player(s): _____

